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1. AS IT DID IN 1973, THE GOP WILL ENGAGE IN INTENSIVE
DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN 1974, PARTICULARLY IN ATTEMPTING
TO EXPLOIT THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR POLAND RESULTING FROM
EAST-WEST DETENTE. GENERALLY IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY,
AND MORE SPECIFICALLY IN ITS ACTIONS AS A MEMBER OF THE
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WARSAW PACT, POLAND CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO

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SUPPORT MOSCOW ON ALL MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

2. 1974 WILL BE AN ACTIVE YEAR OF PERSONAL DIPLOMACY FOR GIEREK. AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO WEST GERMANY HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR, AND WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE GERMAN EMBASSY THAT IT COULD BE AS EARLY AS MARCH. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT GIEREK'S FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO ROMANIA MAY BE IN THE OFFING. AND HE COULD CROWN HIS DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN 1974 WITH A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

3. FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1974, POLISH-FRG RELATIONS ARE LIKELY TO RECEIVE HEAVY ATTENTION. AN EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN FRG FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL AND POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI AT THE END OF 1973 PRODUCED SOME PROGRESS IN THE TWO BASIC OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN POLISH-GERMAN RELATIONS: LARGE-SCALE, LONG-TERM FRG CREDITS FOR POLAND AND THE REPATRIATION OF ETHNIC GERMANS TO THE FRG. A GENERAL AGREEMENT IS SHAPING UP WHICH WOULD PERMIT 150,000 ETHNIC GERMANS TO EMIGRATE FROM POLAND OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS IN EXCHANGE FOR SUBSIDIZED GERMAN CREDITS TO THE POLES OF 1-1.5 BILLION DM. JOINT WORKING GROUPS ARE TO NEGOTIATE ON THESE QUESTION BEGINNING IN JANUARY 1974 AND WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF FRG PENSIONS FOR ETHNIC GERMANS RESIDING IN POLAND.

4. WE EXPECT THE GOP TO CONTINUE TO GIVE HEAVY ATTENTION TO BILATERAL, AS OPPOSED TO MULTILATERAL, INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH ITS CEMA PARTNERS. HUNGARY, THE GDR, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE LIKELY TO BE THE MAIN OBJECTS OF POLISH ATTENTION IN THIS AREA.

5. IN BOTH CSCE AND MBFR, POLAND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FAITHFUL SUPPORT FOR MOSCOW'S POSITIONS AND TO SURFACE NO INITIATIVES OF ITS OWN.
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